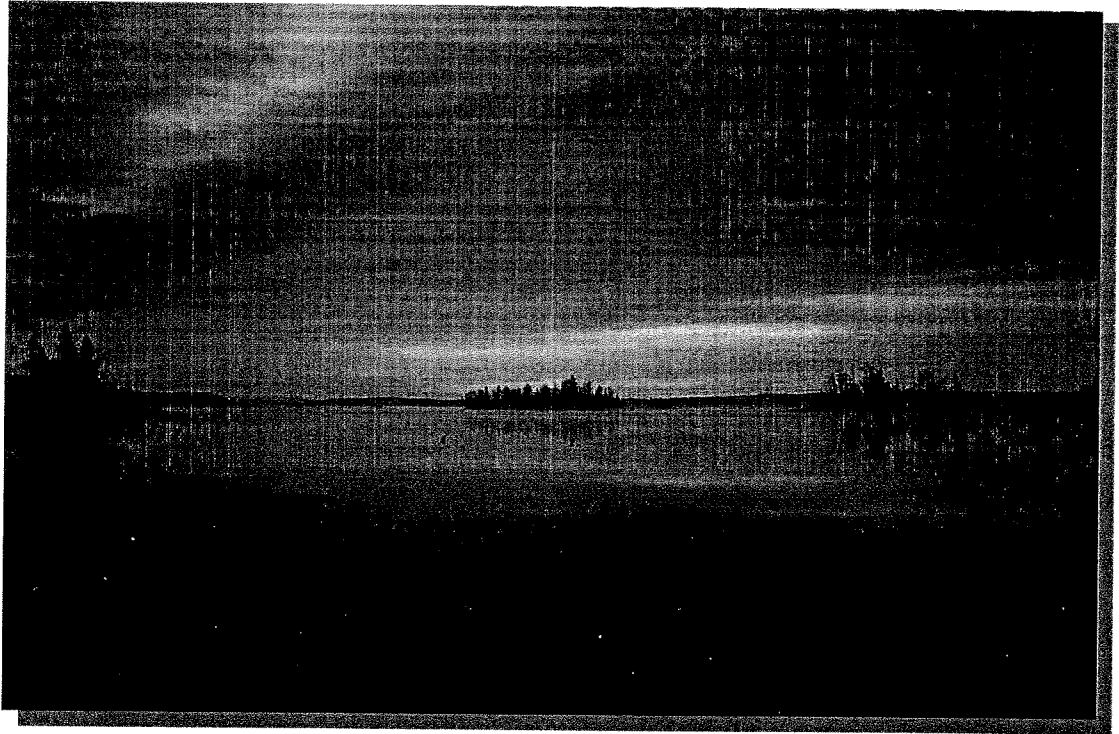


GILE FLOWAGE WATERSHED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-PHASE I



Gile Flowage Sunrise

**WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LAKE PLANNING GRANT
LPL-900-04**

**SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY THE
TOWN OF CAREY AND THE TOWN OF PENCE
IRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

DECEMBER, 2004

GILE FLOWAGE WATERSHED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-PHASE I

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Lake Planning Grant

LPL-900-04

In partnership with the
Towns of Carey and Pence
Iron County, Wisconsin

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Includes: Samples of public information used to share results

Posters: Posted in public gathering places within watershed communities

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**GILE FLOWAGE WATERSHED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-PHASE I
PLAN FOR SHARING PROJECT RESULTS**

PROJECT ELEMENT	HOW SHARED				LEAD			
	Media Release	Newsletter	Plan Com.Mtg.	Public Mtg.	Promo Posters	Final Report		
Environment Inventory	X	X	X	X	X	X	Consultant	
Shoreland Restoration Report	X	X	X			X	ADBI-LCC	
Base Planning Maps			X				NWRPC	
Land Owner Survey	X	X	X	X	X	X	UWEX	
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Steering Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	Towns	

Key to Lead Players

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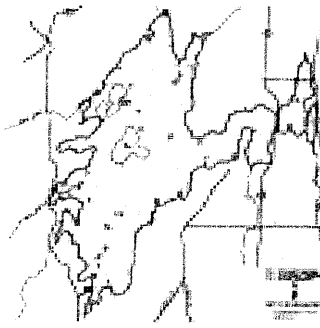
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NWRPC= NW Regional Planning Commission

UWEX= University of Wisconsin-Extension

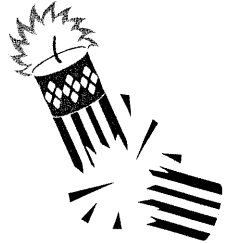
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FOG= Friends of the Gile Flowage Lake Assoc.



**Informational Meeting on
Forming
a
Gile Flowage Lake Association**

**Saturday, July 5- 10:00 am
Gile Park Pavilion
Gile, Wisconsin**



**Presentation by
Bryan Pierce, UW-Extension Resource Agent
on the role of
lake organizations,
grants, and how to get started**

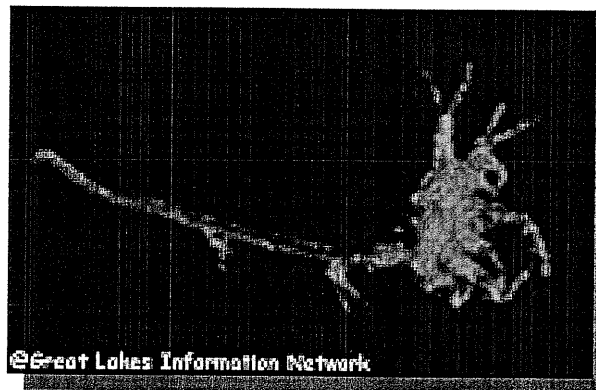
Followed by Discussion On Taking The Next Step

**BRING A CHAIR and YOUR IDEAS
Everyone Welcome!**

**For more information contact
Cathy Techtmann or Harold Schumde
715.561.2185**

SPINY WATER FLEAS...

HOW WILL THEY AFFECT THE GILE FLOWAGE ??



A presentation by
Craig Roesler, Water Quality Biologist
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Monday, October 27 7:00 p.m.
Iron County Courthouse- Hurley

What are “spiny water fleas” and where did they come from?

How did they get in the Gile Flowage?

**How will they affect native fish species, fishing,
water quality, recreational use, and people?**

What can be done about them now?

Meeting Open to the Public

Sponsored by the:
Friends of the Gile Flowage, Inc.
Iron County UW-Extension Office
Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources



WHAT'S IN THE GILE FLOWAGE ??

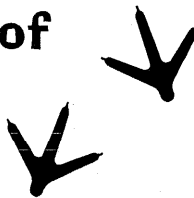


**7:00 pm Wednesday, December 15
Iron County Courthouse-Hurley**

**A presentation by Dr. Dean Premo
Whitewater Associates Environmental Services**

**Dr. Premo will discuss the results of the
Phase-1 Environmental Assessment
of the Gile Flowage**

**Learn about the critters, plants, and ecology of
the Gile Flowage area**



**This information will be used in comprehensive planning
for the Gile Flowage Watershed**

Everyone is invited to attend

**This meeting is being hosted by the
Town of Carey & Town of Pence Planning Committees
and the Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG)
as part of a DNR Lake Planning Grant**

For more information, contact FOG at 715.561.2185



June 24, 2003

For More Information Contact:

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629 Whitesides
Pence, WI 54550
715.561.2185

For Immediate Release

Informational Meeting On Forming A Gile Flowage Lake Association

An informational meeting to explain the functions of a lake association and determine interest in forming an association for the Gile Flowage will be held on Saturday, July 5 at 10:00 am in the Gile Park Pavilion in Gile, Wisconsin. Participants are asked to bring a chair to insure adequate seating.

Bryan Pierce, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Agent for Vilas County, will discuss different types of lake organizations, their benefits, eligible activities, and grants to fund lake improvement work. Pierce has extensive experience in helping citizens groups form effective lake organizations.

Following the presentation, participants will share their ideas and level of interest in forming an organization to help guide the future of the Gile Flowage.

Lake organizations can help develop strategies to deal with changing development and use demands while maintaining a lake's "northwoods" character and recreational opportunities. These are important issues in the comprehensive planning process being conducted by local municipalities around the Flowage. Grants are available fund many of these projects and help local planning efforts.

The Gile Flowage is one of the last large "pristine" northern Wisconsin lakes and an important resource for local residents and a growing number of visitors. It is valued for its unique "Boundary Waters" like character, high water quality, and fishing opportunities.

For more information contact Cathy Techtmann or Harold Schmude at 715.561.2185.

Gile Flowage Lake Association Formed; Will Meet on Sept. 25

The 3400-acre Gile Flowage is one of Iron County's best-kept secrets.

Since it was created in the early 1940's, it has been resource enjoyed by local residents. The Gile is the last large relatively undeveloped northern Wisconsin lake not under state or federal ownership. Its rocky shores, islands, and unspoiled shoreline give it a unique character resembling Canadian lakes.

The Gile is changing. Growing interest in fishing is bringing new recreational opportunities, more tourism, and boaters. Real estate signs are popping up along shoreline areas.

The Towns of Carey and Pence, which share jurisdiction for most of the Flowage, are considering how to balance development interests through state mandated "smart growth" planning.

In response to these concerns, a group of 46 Flowage property owners and interested citizens unanimously voted to form Iron County's newest lake association: "The Friends of the Gile Flowage."

The organization may abbreviate its name to "FOG", but its purpose is clear: to preserve and protect Gile Flowage and its surroundings, enhance the water quality, fishing, boating safety, and aesthetic values,

while keeping it for public recreation today and for future generations. FOG will accomplish these goals through interested citizens working together.

Within two months of first meeting, the organization has approved by-laws, formed a Board of Directors, and is filing for status as a non-profit corporation to make FOG eligible for grants to support its mission.

Board members include officers President Cathy Techtmann of Pence, Vice-President Dan Bormann of Mercer, Recording Secretary Peg Sutherland Gile, Treasurer Jeanne Matches of Mercer, and at-large Board members Jim Kaffine of Pence, Gary Miles of Hurley/Pence, Joe Franzoi of Hurley, and Doug Lyle of Iola.

FOG's Water Resources Committee, chaired by Board Member Gary Miles, is already actively seeking people to help with a major project to enhance fishing on the Gile. FOG will also offer its assistance is a DNR Lake Planning Grant submitted by the Towns of Carey and Pence for the Flowage is funded.

Anyone sharing an interest in the Flowage is welcome to join FOG. Voting membership is open to anyone living, leasing, or rent-

ing property within two miles of the Flowage. Non-voting memberships are open to anyone.

Sept. 25 Information Meeting Planned

The Friends of the Gile Flowage will be hosting a community information meeting on "Future Management Issues and Opportunities Affecting the Gile Flowage" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 in the Iron County Courthouse in Hurley.

Rob Olson, Xcel Energy representative, will explain the history of the Flowage as a hydroelectric power reservoir and answer questions about the company's future management plans for the Gile.

Xcel Energy (formerly Northern States Power) has managed the 3400-acre Gile Flowage since it was created in the early 1940's. Since then the power company's ownership to the Flowage's 1,495-foot elevation has limited the amount of shoreland development and contributed to the Gile's relatively undeveloped wilderness character.

For more information on the FOG Association, or the Sept. 25 meeting, contact Cathy Techtmann, c/o FOG, PO. Box 227, Montreal, WI 54550.

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Pence, Carey receive grant for Gile Flowage watershed plan

The towns of Pence and Carey have jointly received a \$10,000 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Management Planning Grant to develop the first phase of a comprehensive watershed plan for the Gile Flowage.

The project will complement the towns' ongoing land use planning process as required by Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning legislation and help offset its costs. It was chosen for funding because it creates a unique planning partnership between two local municipalities, government agencies, and citizens focused on the future of a relatively undeveloped body of water.

The towns of Carey and Pence share jurisdictional boundaries over the majority of the flowage. Both town boards recog-

nize the flowage's development potential while acknowledging the need to protect the unique characteristics that make it so attractive. By working together, the towns hope to avoid "patchwork" land use planning that could negatively affect the flowage. The Town of Carey will take the lead role in administering the grant for both towns.

The project's first phase will gather baseline information about the flowage's history, ecology and public opinion about its development. It will fund an environmental inventory giving the towns data about ecology of the 3,400-acre Gile Flowage and its watershed.

Complementing the ecological information, the towns will survey flowage property owners and users to learn more the

issues and opportunities they feel are important to the flowage's future. The Iron County UW-Extension Office will develop and administer the survey as part of an in-kind match of services required to leverage the grant funding.

To bring a historic and cultural perspective into the planning process, volunteers from the Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG) lake association will create a written history of the Gile Flowage watershed. Interviews with local residents and research of historic records are planned.

Other agencies assisting in the project include the Ashland-Bayfield-Iron-Douglas Land Conservation Department for conducting a shoreline assessment to identify shoreline erosion issues. The Northwest Regional Planning Commis-

sion will provide detailed watershed maps and a review of existing management and land use regulations affecting the flowage. Project results will be shared with the public through the media and newsletters developed by FOG.

The towns will use the information to make planning decisions about future development and land use planning issues affecting the Gile Flowage watershed. The towns plan to submit a second Lake Planning Grant to fund the second stage of the planning process.

For more information about the Gile Flowage Lake Management Planning Grant, contact the Town of Carey, the Town of Pence, or the Friends of the Gile Flowage at PO Box 227, Montreal WI 54550.

TOWN OF PENCE and TOWN OF CAREY

Comprehensive Land Use Planning Committees

Contact Person:

Cathy Techtmann-Chair, Town of Pence Planning Committee

629 Whitesides

Pence, WI 54550

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 6, 2004

**RESULTS OF GILE FLOWAGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO BE
PRESENTED**

The Comprehensive Planning Committees of the Towns of Pence and Carey invite the public to a meeting to review the results of the first phase environmental assessment of the Gile Flowage and its watershed. The meeting will be held at the Iron County Courthouse on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Dean Premo-President of White Water Associates, an environmental consulting firm from Amasa, MI, will present the findings of the Phase I-Environmental Inventory for the Gile Flowage and its watershed. This is the first systematic evaluation of existing environmental information about the Flowage that has ever been conducted.

The Towns' will use the study's results to provide baseline environmental information about the Flowage, identify potential issues, and incorporate the information into town land use plans. The cost of the study is provided by a Wisconsin DNR Lake Planning Grant secured by the Towns of Pence and Carey with assistance from the Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG).

For more information about the meeting contact Cathy Techtmann, Chair of the Town of Pence Planning Committee, at 715.561.2185.

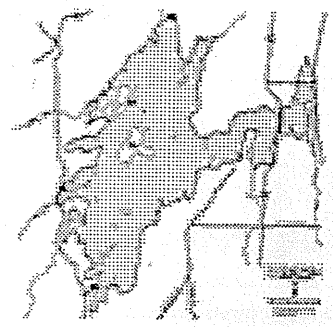
Gile Flowage Watershed Comprehensive Plan-Phase I

LAKE ASSOCIATION FORMED

Includes Friends of the Gile Flowage Lake Association
Newsletters

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

LAKE ORGANIZATION INTEREST MEETING FOR THE GILE FLOWAGE



- When:** Saturday morning, July 5 at 10:00 am. Please bring your own coffee and a chair (just in case we run out of seating).
- Where:** Gile Flowage Pavilion, Gile, Wisconsin (adjacent to Gile Boat Landing & Park)—rain or shine!
- What:** This is an informal, informational meeting for anyone interested in the Gile Flowage. We will be sharing ideas about forming a lake organization to help guide the future of the Gile Flowage.
- How:** Bryan Pierce, Vilas County UW-Extension Community Development Resource Agent, who has helped form many lake organizations, will share his knowledge with the group. He will speak about different types of lake organizations and their benefits, what lake organizations can and cannot do, and grant opportunities to fund lake groups and their work.

After hearing from Bryan, we will share ideas about forming a lake organization and the next steps to take in the process.

- Why:** The Gile Flowage is...
- ... one of the last "pristine" large northern Wisconsin lakes
 - ... an important recreational resource for local residents and tourists
 - ... valued for its unique Northwood's character and beauty
 - ... home to wildlife not found in developed lake areas
 - ... a source of water for power generation
 - ... known for its high water quality and fishing opportunities
 - ... a valuable piece of real estate that is developing & changing

With Iron County communities involved in planning their future, NOW is the time to organize interested citizens to help plan for the Gile Flowage. We believe a lake organization can develop strategies to help accommodate development and changing use demands, while working to enhance the Flowage's valuable Northwood's character and recreation opportunities.

Please join us and invite anyone you think might be interested in the future of the Gile Flowage.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Cathy Techtmann or Harold Schmude at 715.561.2185.

Thank you!

July 30, 2003

Dear Friends of the Gile Flowage:

Thank you for your interest in the Gile Flowage and for attending the Gile Flowage lake organization meeting. We had a wonderful turnout of 46 people concerned about the Flowage's future. I'd like to recap the meeting, share what has happened since our meeting, and suggest a next step.

Meeting Recap... We were fortunate to have Bryan Pierce, Vilas County UW-Extension Resource Agent at the meeting to explain different types of lake organizations and what each can do. We shared our thoughts about why we like about the Gile Flowage. The comments are printed on the back of this letter. We learned that by working together as an organized lake group, we can accomplish more than as individuals to protect and enhance the Flowage.

There was unanimous support at the meeting to form a lake association. A Steering Committee was formed and will be meeting soon to work on the by-laws to take the next step in forming a Gile Flowage lake association.

*Thanks to the
volunteers serving
on the Steering
Committee:
Jim Kaffine
Dan Bormann
Mike Laakso
John Swartz
Gary Mites
Joe Franzoi
Peg Sutherland
Cathy Techtmann*

Bryan also reminded us of several other important issues facing northern Wisconsin lakes. A serious issue is spread of non-native water plant called "Eurasian Milfoil." The Gile Flowage may be especially susceptible to it because of its changing water levels. Since the meeting, several lake property owners have asked for help in identifying this plant. I am enclosing a Eurasian Milfoil identification card, provided by the DNR, so you can help keep a look out it. If you think you have found it in the Flowage, please let me know because it is a serious situation we need to act on.

What's New? ... the Towns of Carey and Pence will be jointly submitting a \$10,000 Lake Planning Grant to the DNR by August 1. If selected, the grant will provide money for developing a management plan for the Flowage and funding to get people involved. There will be opportunities for our lake association to help with several of the grant activities. I believe we have a good chance of being funded since this is a very innovative grant and has the support of both towns. I will have more information about the grant at our next meeting.

I am also enclosing a press release about a Lake Workshop being held on August 20th at Nicolet Technical College in Rhinelander. Some of you may be interested in attending.

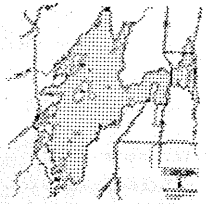
Our Next Step... As scheduled when we met last, the next meeting the Gile Flowage lake organization will be Saturday, August 30 at 10:00 am at the Gile Park Pavilion. An agenda is posted on the back of this letter. I hope that you can attend this meeting because we will be taking the next step...reviewing by-laws for forming a Gile Flowage lake association.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestion please feel free to contact us at our home number 715.561.2185.

Sincerely,

Cathy Techtmann
Harold Schmude

Gile Flowage Lake Organization Meeting
Saturday, August 30 10:00 am
Gile Park Pavilion



AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order, introductions
2. Additions or corrections to agenda
3. Review of last meeting activities
4. Report from Steering Committee and presentation/discussion of draft Gile Flowage lake organization by-laws, and recommendations for action
5. Update on Gile Flowage Lake Planning DNR Grant
6. Educational Opportunities
7. Sharing other news, issues, ideas about the Flowage
8. Next meeting date
9. Adjourn

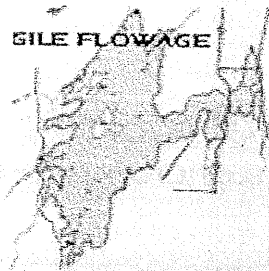
WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE GILE FLOWAGE?

Comments from the Gile Flowage Lake Organization Meeting
Saturday, July 5, 2003 10:00 am, Gile Park Pavilion

Walleye fishing
Quiet, natural beauty
No jet skis, water skis
Tranquility
Lack of lights
Undeveloped shoreline
Kayaking
All kinds of fishing
Privacy
Big water
Family tradition
Beauty, stumps
Lack of crowding, boat traffic
Lake levels
Dam management
View

Rock, Canadian Shield lake
Not a lot of other places on the lake
Night sky
Great place to raise kids
Musky fishing
Swimming, peaceful
Bass fishing
Camping on the islands
Family get-togethers
Pristine quality
Managing/balancing development
Trees, see it like it is
Sunsets
Northern States Power Co. land
Pontooning

Friends of the Gile Flowage F.O.G. Newsletter...



Protecting and enhancing the Gile Flowage for now... and future generations

Winter, 2004

FOG Is A Major Player in \$10,000 Gile Flowage Watershed Planning Project

This newsletter is being published quarterly with DNR Lake Planning Grant funds, matched with volunteer services. It's purpose is to inform citizens about the Gile Flowage watershed planning, activities of the Friends of the Gile Flowage, and encourage you to get involved.!

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Did You Know...
the Wisconsin Record
Black Crappie was caught
in the Gile Flowage on
8/12/67 by Alan A. Dollar.
It measured 19.75 inches
in length and weighed 4
lbs, 8 ounces ?

The Gile Flowage is changing. Property values are increasing and for sale signs are sprouting up. The Gile has been discovered by a new group of boaters and fishermen. While the Gile's potential for development is increasing, so is an awareness of the need to protect the unique characteristics that make it so attractive. Recognizing these changes, the Towns of Carey and Pence have successfully applied for a \$10,000 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Management Planning Grant to create a plan to guide the Gile Flowage's future. . FOG will be a major partner in creating a plan by providing volunteer services required to match the grant monies.

The grant will fund development of a Gile Flowage watershed plan to protect the Flowage by identifying issues affecting its future and opportunities for environmentally sound development. The project will compliment the Towns' ongoing land use planning process, as required by Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning legislation, and the funds will help offset the Town's costs. Carey and Pence share jurisdictional boundaries over the majority of the Flowage. By working together, the Towns hope to avoid "patchwork" land use planning that could negatively affect the Flowage. *For more on this story, see "Future" page 3*

A watershed is a geographical area where all surface waters drain to a common point. The Gile Flowage watershed includes not only the Flowage, but most of the Towns of Pence and Carey. What is done on the land within this watershed ultimately affects the Flowage's water quality which is key to its fishing, recreation, and property value. That's why it's important to take a watershed approach to the Gile's future.

FOG Files Incorporation Papers

It's official. In January, FOG Board of Directors filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's office. Once approved, FOG will officially be Wisconsin corporation.

This status is important for establishing FOG as a "qualified" Wisconsin lake association. A lake association must be incorporated for one year before it can attain the status of being "qualified." Once qualified, a lake association is eligible to receive DNR lake grants.

Once FOG's incorporation is approved, Board members plan on filing for non-profit status which would open more opportunities for grants and donations to help support its activities. FOG's Articles of Incorporation are available upon request.

President's Update,

By *Cathy Techtmann FOG Acting President*

Dear FOG Members and Friends,

On July 5, 2003, the future of the Gile Flowage changed for the better. Forty-six citizens animously voted to form the Friends of the Gile Flowage (FOG), Wisconsin's newest lake association dedicated to protecting and enhancing this unique body of water. In the seven short, but busy months since organizing the FOG Board has been actively pursuing this mission. On behalf of the Board, I would like to give you a progress report on FOG activities:

✓ **Memberships:** FOG currently has a list of 64 members, with 34% of them paying dues. Dues go towards supporting the kinds of activities highlighted in this newsletter plus postage, paper, etc. All work is done on a voluntary basis—there is no paid staff! Please consider the positive impact of FOG and support its activities with your membership!

✓ **Incorporation:** FOG by-laws were developed, paperwork and fees were filed in January, 04 for incorporation as a Wisconsin non-profit corporation. Filing for non-profit status will be the next step.

✓ **Education:** Public informational meetings on two critical issues affecting the Flowage's future were held in 2003. The first was a meeting Robert Olson, Xcel Energy's Licensing Coordinator to learn more about Xcel's management plans for the Gile. The second was a meeting with Craig Roesler-DNR Biologist who explained the discovery of exotic Spiny Water Fleas in the Flowage, how they might affect the Flowage, and what can be done. The minutes of both meetings are posted on the FOG website.

✓ **Outreach:** Many FOG members live away from the Flowage or are unable to attend meetings. To keep you posted, a FOG website and this lake association newsletter is being regularly published to help everyone learn more about the Gile and how we can work together to protect and enhance it.

✓ **DNR Lake Planning Grant:** FOG took the leadership, together with the Towns of Carey and Pence, to secure a \$10,000 DNR grant to improve land use decisions that will affect the Flowage. In the upcoming months, you will learn more about how you can get involved in this project.

I would like to thank FOG Board for their work, and members for their support, as we take our first steps toward building the Gile Flowage Lake Association. I invite you to get involved in these activities and welcome your suggestions as we move forward together.

Cathy



Spiny Water Flea

FOG On Line

Thanks to the efforts of Peg Sutherland, FOG Secretary and computer guru, minutes of FOG Board meetings and other special events are now on-line at www.rueruel13.tripod.com/index.html. Peg volunteers her time to keep the site updated.

Peg selected a photo of the Flowage for the website's background and an icon representing the Flowage's dam house in Gile to mark each webpage entry. Just click on the "dam house" to find out more about what's happening with FOG. Thanks Peg!!



The Gile Flowage Dam House

WANTED: A FOG LOGO

The Friends of the Gile Lake Association needs a logo for use on letterhead, hats, and other projects to give its activities easy identification. The winning entrant to receive \$50.00 cash or their logo printed on a shirt. Contest open to everyone, all ages. FOG members encouraged to apply. Contest requirements are:

- ♦ Entire logo must fit into a 2-1/2 inch diameter circle
- ♦ The words "Friends of the Gile Flowage" must be included in the circle
- ♦ The logo should pertain to something you feel best represents the Gile Flowage
- ♦ The design should be simple enough that it is eligible when printed or embroidered
- ♦ All entries must be submitted to FOG by April 1, 2004

Final judging will be conducted at the Annual FOG meeting on Saturday, May 29 at the Gile Park Pavillion, Gile, WI. All entries become the property of FOG. All entries should be sent to FOG, Box 227, Montreal, WI 54550. Enter as often as you wish.

FLOWAGE FUTURE, GET INVOLVED

(continued from page 1)

The project's first phase will gather baseline information about the 3400-acre Flowage to help town planning committees, local citizens, and interested people understand its history, ecology, and special issues. Watershed property owners and flowage users will receive a survey in summer, 2004 asking their opinions on future management of the Flowage.

As part of the watershed plan, FOG will take the lead on developing a Gile Flowage lake history and publish quarterly newsletters to update citizens about the plan and other FOG activities. This newsletter is series to help watershed property owners and users stay involved in the planning process.



FROM THE FLOWAGE

In an effort to get snowmobile traffic off Spring Camp Road on the Flowage's west side, a snowmobile trail has been established across the Flowage from Gile to the "Sucker Hole" boat landing on the southern end. Snowmobilers seem to be accepting the new trail well. Slush seems to be staying at a minimum. For the first time in 30 years, a road has been plowed across the Flowage starting from the 4H Boat Landing off Spring Camp Rd. to the Big Island— compliments of Rolie Bessett.

Board members Gary Miles and Joe Franzio report that plans to install more fish cribs in the Flowage this spring are on hold as the DNR is already booked up with too many projects. FOG members were looking forward to forming a work bee to install the cribs and get folks interested in the Flowage's fishing resource working together.



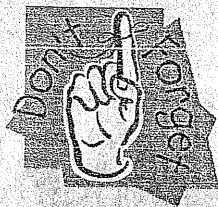
Did You Know...
In 2000, the Town of Pence adopted a shoreland lighting ordinance for the Gile Flowage. It does not stop lights from being installed near shorelands, but requires that they are "shielded" to prevent the light from trespassing on other property or out into the Flowage.



Friends of the Gile Flowage

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FOG NOW ON THE WEB
AT
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FRIENDS OF THE GILE FLOWAGE ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004
TIME
GILE PARK PAVILION—RAIN OR SHINE
Bring a dish to pass, meats & beverages provided
Agenda coming soon!

The purpose of the Friends of the Gile, Inc. (FOG) is to preserve and protect and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of the **Gile Flowage**, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations. Membership in FOG is open to any individual, family, business, or organization that subscribes to the purposes of FOG.

For more information, contact FOG at PO Box 227, Montreal WI 54550 or call Cathy Techtmann, FOG acting president at 715.561.2185 or visit <http://rueruell3.tripod.com/index.html>

SUPPORT THE FLOWAGE, JOIN FOG

Ten reasons to join the Friends of the Gile Flowage Lake Association:

- #1 Meet your Flowage neighbors (who are those folks, anyway??)
- #2 Learn more about the unique history, environment of the Flowage and how to preserve its natural state
- #3 Volunteer to help out with FOG projects to improve fishing, water quality
- #4 Learn about how to increase the value of your shoreland property
- #5 Fantastic fun, food, and refreshments at the FOG annual meeting and picnic
- #6 Support the only organization working to protect the Flowage
- #7 Get free copies of this newsletter mailed right to your home
- #8 Find out what's going on with the Flowage—on your property or the activities you enjoy on the Flowage
- #9 Keep up to date on issues affecting the Flowage (like water fleas!)

BECOME A FOG MEMBER

Voting Memberships: Open to anyone who owns, leases or year 'round or seasonally within 2 miles of the Gile Flowage

Individual (1 vote): \$20.00/year
Family (2 votes): \$30.00/year

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Visit the FOG website for more membership information or send us a note to request a membership application at PO Box 227, Montreal, WI 54550

Friends of the Gile Flowage F.O.G. Newsletter...



Protecting and enhancing the Gile Flowage for now... and future generations

Late Summer, 2004

FOG Holds First Annual Meeting... Board Elected

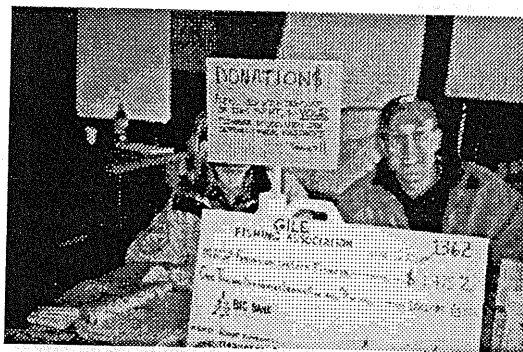
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Flowage Factoid... the Flambeau Trail, a grueling 45-mile portage between Lake Superior and Long Lake in Mercer was used by Native Americans and fur traders. It crossed the Montreal River at Gile, passed near Big Island, and continued overland from the Flowage's east shore. It connected the communities of LaPointe and Lac du Flambeau.

FOG's first annual meeting was a great, although soggy success. Over 40 members and friends joined the festivities on a rainy Saturday, May 30th under the shelter of the Gile Park Pavilion. Following the annual business meeting and election of the FOG Board of Directors, everyone enjoyed delicious cook-out potluck.



At the Annual Meeting, the Gile Flowage Fishing Association donated a check for \$1475.90 to FOG. Thank you Gile Flowage Fishing Association! We appreciate your support and trust!

For more on this story see page 4...
Annual Meeting

IMPORTANT FOG BY-LAW CHANGE RECOMMENDED

FOG BOARD recommends an important change to FOG By-Laws for a vote by members at a Special Meeting being held at the FOG Fall Pat-Luck, Saturday, October 2 at 10 am.

FOG has learned from the DNR that its two-tiered membership structure of members and non-voting members makes it *ineligible* to receive DNR lake grants. To be eligible to receive grants, a lake association must allow **ANYONE** who resides within a 1 mile radius of the lake at least 1 month a year to become a member.

The FOG Board is recommending that the by-laws be changed to allow anyone to join FOG regardless of where they live. This solves some of the issues we have heard from folks who want to join FOG, but object to having to join as a non-voting member since they lived over 2 miles away from the Flowage AND it eliminates the ineligible 2-tiered membership structure.

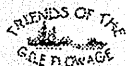
Fall FOG Potluck "Brunch" Sat. October 2

Based on overwhelming support for a fall get-together to wrap up a wonderful summer on the Gile Flowage, members have voted to hold a FOG Fall Potluck Brunch. The date for the potluck brunch is Saturday, October 2 from 10 am—2 pm at the Pence Town Hall located in on Hwy. 77 across from the Pence ball field.

This is a great opportunity to get together on last time, before the snow flies, with friends and neighbors.

We will also have a Special Business Meeting to discuss an important by-law change that is being recommended by the FOG Board (see box above for details).

The FOG Board will provide plates, coffee, condiments. Please bring your favorite brunch-type dish (from coffee cake to egg dishes) to pass. Questions? Call Cathy Techtmann at 715.561.2185



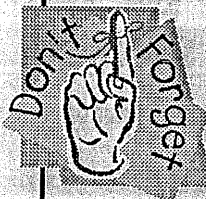
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FRIENDS OF THE GILE FLOWAGE FALL POTLUCK BRUNCH

And
SPECIAL MEETING for the
purpose of amending the FOG By-Laws

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2004
PENCE TOWN HALL-RAIN OR SHINE
Downtown Pence, Hwy. 77 (across from ball field)



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Reflections from FOG's 1st Annual Meeting



Dan Bormann, FOG Vice President is caught on camera sampling a table full of goodies brought by FOG member and friends.



FOG Treasurer Jeanne Matchefts reports on FOG finances and its good news!

FOG ON THE WEB AT
<http://rueruel13.tripod.com/index.html>

We are working on getting a new domain name. Until then, please note that in the URL the character before the number 3, is the number 1, not a letter "l".



Peg Sutherland, FOG Secretary and web guru updates members with minutes from FOG activities since our first organizational meeting.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE FOG ACTIVITIES contributed at Annual Meeting

- ✓ Provide information about Iron County ATV trails around the Flowage and their impact
- ✓ Organize a "Take A Kid Fishing Project" through WalMart
- ✓ Sponsor an educational program on the status of fish in the Flowage by DNR Biologist Jeff Roth
- ✓ Hold a FOG get-together on a Saturday this fall



Board member and Chief Cook Gary Miles flips burgers to Denise Enking's amazement.

FOG Board of Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

President
Cathy Techtmann
Contact at: 715.561.2185
Vice-President
Dan Bormann
Secretary
Peg Sutherland
Treasurer
Jeanne Matchefts
Board Members At Large
Gary Miles
Jim Kaffine
Doug Lytle
Joel Enking...
Welcome to Joel as the Board's newest member!

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Special Double Issue and Membership Renewal

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, 2004

FOG Membership & Dues Change Approved

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Flowage Factoids...

1. How may paid members in the FOG as of 12/04?
2. How many people are on the FOG mailing list and receive this newsletter?
3. How many FOG members are from Dane County, WI (Madison area)?

Answers:

Dane County
(1) 73 paid members
(2) 117 on mailing list
(3) 38 members from

The FOG Board received unanimous support for changing the FOG by-laws concerning membership at a Special Meeting held at the FOG Fall Pot-Luck, Saturday, October 4. The by-law change was necessary for FOG to become a qualified Wisconsin lake association and eligible for DNR grants.

In discussing the change, members also expressed support for changing the membership fees to be more equitable between individual and family memberships AND supported lowering the dues.

Section 1 - ELIGIBILITY: Membership in FOG shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization that subscribes to the purposes of FOG.

Section 2- DUES: Dues shall be based on a calendar and due January 31 of that year

Individual (1-vote): \$15.00/year

Family (2-votes): \$30.00/year

(a family is up to two persons and their unemancipated children)

The FOG by-laws were amended and now read: In other words,... for 2005 FOG memberships dues are lower and FOG is now open for anyone interested in the Gile Flowage to join. What better reason to become a Friend of the Gile Flowage member today!

Reminder... FOG Membership Dues For 2005 Are Being Accepted Starting in January

FOG Membership Benefits Include:

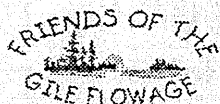
- Quarterly FOG Newsletters for information affecting the Flowage
- Special FOG events and Annual Picnic
- Being a part of an active organization dedicated to the Gile Flowage
- Meeting neighbors and friends interested in the future of the Gile Flowage

Stay involved with the only volunteer organization representing the Gile Flowage. Renew Your Membership Today! A handy membership form is enclosed

See some of what we accomplished as a lake association in 2004 on page 4.

GILE FLOWAGE SURVEY SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT FOR PLANNING, PRESERVATION

Property owners and users of the Gile Flowage strongly support long range planning for the Gile Flowage and its watershed, according to results of the Gile Flowage Survey. Over 50% of survey respondents had a vision for the Flowage that placed a high priority on protecting nature... See "Survey" on page 2 for more information.



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Happy Holiday Greetings



This is our last FOG newsletter for 2004.
Thanks for your support for the Friends of the Gile Flowage during our fledging first year and your interest in protecting and enhancing this wonderful resource we share a passion for.

And what a year it's been. Here are a few highlights of what we have accomplished together:

Formation of the Friends of Gile Flowage or "FOG"...

remember the first picnic with 40+ friends supporting establishing a Gile Flowage lake association ?

FOG is now an incorporated Wisconsin Lake Association !

Annual picnic and fall festival in 2004.

Assisting the Towns of Pence and Carey...

*to secure a \$10,000 DNR Lake Planning Grant
to gather information to help plan for the Flowage's future including the:
Gile Flowage Survey of Property Owners*

*Phase I- Environmental Assessment of the Gile Flowage Watershed
Shoreland Assessment*

FOG Sponsored Public Educational Meetings ...

*Rob Olson- Xcel Energy...The first dialogue on their plans for the Flowage
Craig Roesler-DNR on Spiny Water Fleas in the Flowage
DNR Fisheries Biologists on DNR fish management plans & goals for the Flowage*

Quarterly Newsletters and FOG Website...

keeping you informed about issues and activities affecting the Flowage

**We look forward to working together with you in 2005 as
Friends of the Gile Flowage**

*Thank you for your Support !
Your FOG Board of Directors*

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILE FLOWAGE SURVEY

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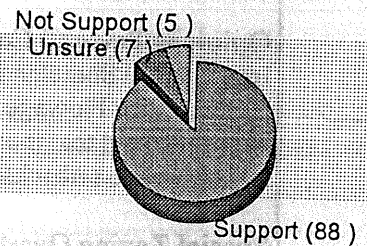
No question about it, the majority of Gile Flowage property owners (88%) support planning for the watershed as is being done by the Towns of Carey and Pence. Breaking out the responses from each municipality, respondents from the Town of Carey were especially strong on this issue with 92 % saying they agreed with planning, compared to 88% for the Town of Pence, and 85% for the City of Montreal.

If there is to be further development on the Flowage, which of the following land uses would you like to see?

On the average, respondents favored campgrounds (33%), single family homes (29%), bars & restaurants (10%), marinas (8%), resorts (6%), and "other" water-based commercial uses (3%), and multi-family housing (3%). Town of Carey property owners most favored single family homes (34.7%). Town of Pence respondents most favored campgrounds (38.3%), and City of Montreal folks gave the highest priority to campgrounds (38.3%).

Do You Support Long Range Planning For the Gile Flowage Watershed?

Percentage of all responses



Would You Support An Ordinance That Would Require High Intensity Lighting To Be Shielded?

It's not surprising that 63.6% of all respondents said that they supported ordinances requiring high intensity lights to be shielded. Only 16.1% said "no". High intensity lighting on the shoreland could have an impact on the northwoods character of the Flowage—something the majority of respondents want to preserve. The Town of Pence is currently the only municipality that has such an ordinance.

- More survey highlights on the back of this supplement -

If you like this type of information and activities about the Gile Flowage, please consider renewing your membership!

FOG MEMBERSHIP FORM

(All memberships expire on December 31 each year)

Name (Please print)

Send payment to:

Friends of the Gile Flowage

P.O. Box 227

Montreal, WI 54550

Address

City/State/Zip

E-mail address

Phone

Please indicate:

Individual (1 vote)

\$15.00 ☐

Family (2 votes)

\$30.00 ☐

THANK YOU FOR YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND OF THE GILE FLOWAGE

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STILL MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GILE FLOWAGE SURVEY (continued from side 1)

Opinions Favored County Shoreland Zoning Dimensions

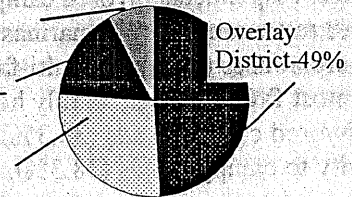
Iron County Shoreland Zoning that regulates lot dimensions for Flowage properties. Slightly over 60% of people said that the minimum lot sizes, lot widths, and shoreline setbacks were "about right".

How To Preserve Unique Character?

Voluntary-8%

Town Ordinances-
16%

County
Zoning-27%



Special Zoning Overlay District To Preserve Character

When people were asked HOW to preserve the character of the Gile Flowage and its Watershed, 49% favored what is called an "overlay district" over relying on current county zoning (27%), developing town ordinances (16%), or relying on voluntary compliance (8%). An overlay district is an area where special additional county zoning regulations apply.

What Should Be Done With Public Property Within the Watershed?

The majority of property owners surveyed (72%) favored retaining public ownership, while 14% were undecided. An average of 8% said "sell county and town land". Just 3.8% said "sell town land", while only 1.3% said to "sell the county forest land" within the watershed.

We will be sharing more results from the Gile Flowage Survey in future editions of the



Don't forget to renew your FOG membership for 2005

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**We appreciate your support as a
Friend of the Gile Flowage**

Thank you!